

## **Students will be striking for climate change**

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Thousands of Belgian youths protest for more climate action, Online, Feb. 28

Can students save humanity?

For decades now, adult activists, environmentalists and scientists have been trying to move climate change to the top of the world agenda. But we have met with limited success.

And for decades, adult world leaders and politicians have been kicking the climate can further and further down the road. Simply put, they have failed to take the actions required to solve the climate crisis. But now school students around the world are saying enough is enough. "We have the right to live our dreams and hopes," says Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old from Sweden who started the Fridays for Future movement by striking from school every Friday for the past six months.

She has inspired more than 100,000 students to cut classes to protest the lack of appropriate climate action by adults.

"Adults are jeopardizing our future," says Greta. "You say you love your children above all else, and yet you are stealing their future in front of their very eyes ... Something big needs to happen. People need to realize our political leaders have failed us. And we need to take action into our own hands."

I'm a strong supporter of student strikes by Canadian students. There are two dates to keep in mind: March 15 for the global student climate strike and May 3 for the Canada-wide students strike.

Canadian youth and students will be out by the thousands in at least 25 centres across Canada.

Could it be that they will save humanity when we adults could not?

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